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ART UNIT 1651

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Applicant: Mukouyama et al. Art Unit: 1651
Application No.: 09/408,142 Examiner: Marx, I.
Filed: September 29, 1999
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Sir:

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The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to December 19, 2002.

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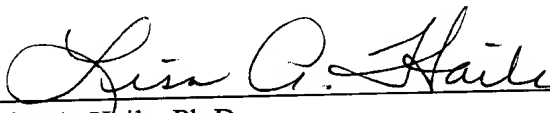
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A check in the total amount of \$110.00 for the one-month Extension of Time fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of the Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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